

As a horse owner, please stop making unnecessary special interest changes to Oregon's land-use laws that put horses and livestock in danger. I put years of training and thousands of dollars into my horses in order to compete with them safely and to make them comfortable. It is unacceptable when loose, neighboring dogs harass my horse and ESPECIALLY when I am riding. This is dangerous and may cause injury or death to both me and my horse. Additionally, ulcers are a common problem with equines, and being near barking dogs all the time is stress-inducing and may cause horses to develop ulcers. Not only is treating ulcers expensive, but a horse with ulcers is also more dangerous to work with or handle. A normally docile and happy horse may become aggressive and mean when stressed and suffering from ulcers. These behaviors may present as biting, kicking, sticking, rearing, bucking, and bolting. If a horse is attacked by a dog while in a pasture or pen, they may injure themselves and property in an attempt to get away in addition to any physical damage or wounds received from a dog attack.

Please put a pause on rural land-use changes for the 2021 legislative session. Update rural land use the right way – with broad rural citizen involvement!